GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2848
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000
FIRE SABOTAGE IN ORDNANCE FACTORIES
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the bullets and guns manufactured in ordnance factories are available to the terrorists as shown in an episode of Insight Story telecast by the Zee News Channel;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of cases of fire and sabotage in the defence establishments and ordnance factories registered during the last three years; and

(d) the findings of the Enquiry Committees constituted for the purpose along with the follow-up action taken in each case? A NSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): In the episode "Insight Story" telecastby Zee News Channel no specific incident has been shown which conclusively indicates that bullets and guns manufactured in ordnance factories have gone directly into the hands of terrorists. Adequate security arrangements exist in ordnance factories to prevent the possibility of such items falling into the hands of terrorists.

(c) & (d): There were no cases of sabotage. Details of accidents involving fire/explosion and the findings of the Enquiry Committees in the last three years is indicated in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE STATEMENT GIVEN IN REPLY TO PARTS

(c)&(d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2848 FOR 7.12.2000

Sl.No.	Date of Accident	Factory	Findings of Enquiry Committee with regard to cause of accident
1.	7.8.1997	O.F. Bhandara	Accidental explosion during mixing.
2.	4.4.1998	A.F.Kirkee	Due to heat generation by accidental friction.
3.	27.11.1998	O.F. Khamaria	Accidental impact
4.	28.8.1999	O.F. Bhandara	Accidental combustion of inflammable mixture
5.	28.10.1999	O.F. Dehu Road	Due to heat generation by accidental friction
6.	9.2.2000	O.F. Khamaria	Accidental explosion during inspection procedure.
7	22.3.2000	O.F. Chanda	Spontaneous combustion of inflammable material.
8.	7.8.2000	High	Spontaneous combustion

Explosives Factory, Kirkee	of	Inflammable Material.